

REMARKS

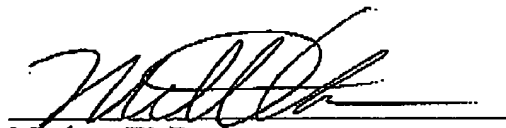
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005. Claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, and 12 have been amended, claims 2, 6, and 10 have been canceled, and claims 3, 7 and 11 remain canceled. Claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, and 12 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

On March 1, 2006, in a conference call with the undersigned Applicants' representative, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 6, and 10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability, independent claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended to incorporate all direct and intervening limitations of claims 2, 6, and 10, respectively. Applicants submit that claims 1, 5, and 9 and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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